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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT VIENNA SENT ACTION SECSTATE 121527Z MAY 7.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 3865

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), AU  
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE VISIT TO VIENNA: AUSTRIAN  
AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT

1. CHARGE CALLED ON CHANCELLOR KREISKY MAY 11 TO DISCUSS  
ARRANGEMENTS AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF VICE PRESIDENT  
MONDALE'S VISIT.

2. KREISKY SAID THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR BILATERAL ITEM  
HE HAD IN MIND FOR DISCUSSION. THIS CONCERNED AUSTRIAN  
PLANS FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT. KREISKY SAID  
HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN ITS  
APPROVAL TO THE ISRAELIS FOR THE SALE OF THE KFIR TO  
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AUSTRIA (CHARGE CONFIRMED THIS WAS SO). KREISKY SAID  
AUSTRIA DID NOT, HOWEVER, INTEND TO PURCHASE THE KFIR  
DIRECTLY. INSTEAD, HE ENVISAGED SETTING UP A PRODUCTION  
LINE IN AUSTRIA TO BUILD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD IN  
FACT BE THE KFIR UNDER ANOTHER NAME. KREISKY CONVEYED  
THAT THE AUSTRIANS HAD DISCUSSED SUCH A SCHEME WITH THE  
ISRAELIS, WHO APPARENTLY SAW ADVANTAGES FOR THEM IN

IT, NOT ONLY AS REGARDS MILITARY AIRCRAFT UT ALSO FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT. ON THIS LAST POINT, KREISKY COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD NOT WISH TO BUY AN ISRAELI CIVIL AIRCRAFT BUT WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BUYING AUSTRIAN.

3. KREISKY REFERRED, BUT NOT PRECISELY, TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME BY AN AMERICAN COMPANY (UNNAMED), AND IT MAY BE THIS ASPECT THAT HE WILL WISH TO ENLARGE ON FURTHER WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT.

4. KREISKY STRESSED THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION. HE MADE THE POINT THAT FROM THE AUSTRIAN VIEWPOINT THE BEST TIMING OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE SCHEME WOULD BE AFTER RESUMPTION OF A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SEEMED TO THINK THERE MIGHT BE LEAKS BEFORE THEN, FOR HE SAID THVIIFDJGGE WERE QUESTIONED PUBLICLY ABOUT THE SCHEME HE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY, BUT SAY IT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD UNDER STUDY. MEEHAN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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